

Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council
October 20, 2020

Meeting of the Directors

Directors Present: Ed Wagner, Joan Jayne, Debby McCormick, Don Oltz, Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Tom Gray

Ex-Officio Members Present: Bruce Natale, Doug Kierst, Steve Lynch

Others Present: Jim Beckwith, Gary Mutchler, John Halfman, Drew Snell, Adam Effler, Kaitlyn Shanahan, Dana Hall, John West, Tyler Gutchess, Olivia Green, Dan Welch, Michele Wunderlich

Ed Wagner made a motion to approve Resolution 04-20 to add the Town of Sennett as a Director of the Council, an amendment to bylaws. Aileen McNabb-Coleman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Tom Gray is the representative for Sennett and they have committed \$2,500 for 2021. Dr. Effler also announced that Charlie Ripley is now the representative on the Board of Directors for the Town of Summerhill.

Ed Wagner and made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Debby McCormick and it passed unanimously.

Ed Wagner made a motion to approve the August minutes. The motion was seconded by Don Oltz and it passed unanimously.

There was no quorum in September so there are no minutes, just meeting notes.

Dr. Effler spoke about the three requests that the Council is requesting from watershed municipalities which are the Lake Friendly Pledge, municipal highway money to provide in-kind funding for the ditch maintenance program and a soil and erosion control ordinance.

Joan Jayne gave the treasurer's report. Don Oltz made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Debby McCormick and it passed unanimously. Dr. Effler asked if there were any comments on next year's draft budget and there were none.

Dr. Halfman reported that he is currently removing his equipment with the buoy coming out next week and the sampler on Dutch Hollow coming out in early November.

Steve Lynch reported on the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations process and that there will be a joint City of Auburn and Town of Owasco meeting on October 29, 2020 at 5 pm in the Council Chambers of Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn. Because of the restrictions caused by Covid-19, the meeting will not be open to the general public but the meeting will be live-streamed via the ZOOM platform and the public will have a chance to be heard.

Dr. Effler thanked Bruce Natale for his years of service and for his work in developing the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council. Drew Snell read a plaque that will be given to Bruce Natale.

Michele Wunderlich reported that there had been a meeting with Cornell University, Ecologic LLC., NYSDEC and NYSDOS to discuss the challenges in calibrating the SWAT model for the 9E plan. They are currently collecting additional data and hope to finish calibration soon.

Bruce Natale reported that the Owasco Flats Project Basin #3 has been built, and was seeded and mulched last week. There are minor delays with two parts that are needed and they hope to have them in early November.

Olivia Green reported that TNC closed on the 200 acre parcel in the Town of Locke and this property will be transferred to NYS Parks. She reported that another parcel they own in Owasco Flats was seeded this year and they are looking at potentially planting willows on this parcel. She reported that Evidn is working on having a series of workshops with the goal of improving coordination and cohesion.

Dan Welch reported that they have worked with Bruce Natale to have an electronics collection event and a household hazardous waste collection event.

Bruce Natale said there were no updates on the sluiceway.

Drew Snell said that the WIPD followed up on two residential constructions sites, three municipal/commercial construction sites, one septic system issue, and one stream stabilization. He reported on working with Seth Jensen's Scout Troop to install 83 stormwater medallions in the Town of Moravia. They are looking at installing more in the Village of Groton. He reported that they are working with Tompkins County to get filter socks to use on the Pleasant Valley Road ditching project in the Town of Groton. He showed photos of lake foam that has been seen this fall and a photo of the sign that was placed at the City of Auburn's new parcel in Owasco Flats on the east side.

John West reported that Owasco Lake is at 711.25. He stated that they usually start drawing down now but the level is so low that they are waiting.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2020. The Board decided that due to the increase of Covid-19 cases, the next meeting will be on zoom.

Minutes by Michele Wunderlich, October 20, 2020